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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 3969**  
Kazuhiko MATSUMURA et al. : Docket No. 2003\_1003A  
Serial No. 10/628,394 : Group Art Unit 1626  
Filed July 29, 2003 : Examiner Rei T. Shiao

METHOD FOR PRODUCING AN OPTICALLY  
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated April 5, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows: